
**GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Goods Movement Task Force held its meeting at the SCAG office in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Art Brown, Chair, City of Buena Park.

Members Present

Steve Adams	City of Riverside
Baldwin, Harry	San Gabriel
Berner, Jane	L.A. City, Council Dist. 13
Bhuelan, Shefa	Caltrans Dist. 8
Bone, Lou	City of Tustin
Boston, Medgar	TASC/BT&H
Brown, Art- Chair	City of Buena Park
Carpenter, Jeff	CRA-LA
Catz, Sarah	UC Irvine
Capelle, Joanna	SCRRA/Metrolink
Lawrence Dale	City of Barstow
Daniels, Gene	City of Paramount
Robert Farley	MTA
Farrington, Carl	SCIC
Flickinger, Bonnie	City of Moreno Valley
Goodwin, Art	ACTA
Greenwald, Peter	South Coast AQMD
Herrera, Carol	SGVCOG
Hicks, Gil	CALMITSAC
Hricko, Andrea	USC
Lee, Frances	Caltrans Dist. 7
Lai, Sue	POLA
Logan, Angelo	EYCEJ
Love, Tanya	RCTC
Dominic Meo III	Meo and Associates
Michael McCoy	RTA
Morrissey, Sam	Wilbur Smith & Assoc.
Neely, Sharon	ACE/SGVCOG
Nordahl, Richard	Caltrans

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Okurowski, Peter	California Environmental Associates
Pfeffer, Nancy	Network Public Affairs
Saunders, Christine	POLA
Smith, Michelle	Metro
Steve Smith	SANBAG
Szerlip, Don	City of Redondo Beach
Veniems, Marianne	METRANS/CSULB
Wade, Kathleen	Caltrans Dist. 7

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Hon. Art Brown, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 January 17, 2007 Minutes

Two corrections on page 3, Bonnie Flickinger should read City of Moreno Valley and Carol Corerraz, SGVCOG, should read Carol Herrera.

A **MOTION** was made to approve the Consent Calendar with the corrections.
The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** and **APPROVED**.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

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5.1 Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan Update

Michelle Smith, Metro, stated that Metro and the project partners were reviewing a working draft of the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan. Metro did not anticipate the level of effort required for reviewing and editing the working draft. Metro's consultant, Wilbur Smith Associates, planned to come back with a review of the final draft of the action plan at the next Goods Movement Task Force meeting. In April, Metro planned to hold a Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting. Following the meeting, the draft would be released and workshops would be held. Ms. Smith noted that a draft of the action plan made available at the recent consensus trip to Washington by one of the project partners was not the final draft nor for public distribution.

Andrea Hricko, USC, stated that she had raised some questions at the past meeting that was held in Brea about the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan. Ms. Hricko suggested including a detailed description of the health impacts in the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan and offered submission of a CD for consideration. The consultant said that a very detailed section on health impacts would be included in the report. Currently, only one slide from a presentation at SCAG's Goods Movement Task Force that evolved from USC appeared on Metro's website.

Ms. Hricko said that Dr. John Husing made a presentation at the Brea meeting about the value to the economy of goods movement jobs based on his analysis. In response to raised questions, Dr. Husing said that economic impacts including noise and pavement cost needed to be looked at. This was not included in the posted draft. Ms. Hricko said that there was a 3-hour session at MTA on goods movement that ended with County Supervisor Don Knabe stating that only one person was in the audience representing public health, community, and/or environmental concerns. Ms. Hricko stated that environmental groups or stakeholders were not notified of the meeting about the MTA meeting and suggested that interface among MTA, SCAG, and other groups that have an interest in this issue should be improved.

Ms. Smith responded that the action plan would address the USC air pollution and public health impact study more thoroughly.

5.2 State Goods Movement Action Plan

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Richard Nordahl, Caltrans Office of Goods Movement, gave an explanation of the State Goods Movement Action Plan and the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund. He urged SCAG to be involved in the process of the advancement of the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund. The State Goods Movement Action Plan was a joint effort of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and CalEPA with help from Caltrans and the Air Resources Board. The goal was to create a comprehensive open process to achieve maximum stakeholder input.

The Goods Movement Action Plan is a two phase project. The first phase was meant to identify goods movement and health impacts. It addressed the questions of “what” and “why” and contained an inventory of goods movement needs. The key principle of the plan was that simultaneous and continuous improvements be implemented in infrastructure and environmental mitigation. The plan contained four port-to-border regions: Los Angeles/Inland Empire, the San Diego border area, the Bay area, and the Central Valley. The plan was intended to build a higher level of trust and understanding concerning goods movement.

The Trade Corridor Improvement Fund could be used to fund highway projects, rail projects, port projects, and border access projects. The timeline for the development of the guidelines of the Fund was set to be completed in June/July 2007. The projects would be solicited in Fall 2007 with the entire process to be completed in March 2008.

5.3 **CALMISTAC Report**

Gill Hicks, Gill Hicks & Associates, Inc., provided an overview of the California Marine and Intermodal Transportation System Advisory Council (CALMITSAC). The focus of CALMITSAC is the ports and harbors of California along with the inland rail and highway networks in relation to those ports. Approximately thirty organizations were represented by the council. The report looked at environmental and health impacts related to goods movement. The report noted the infrastructure needs of various environmental improvement plans and looked at port and maritime security. The report included information pertaining to funding, project delivery, and economic effects. The aggressive efforts of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to implement the Clean Air Action Plan through the replacement of highly polluting trucks with cleaner vehicles over five years were also recognized.

5.4 **2007/2008 RTP**

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Naresh Amatya, SCAG, reported that the Regional Council recently adopted the Gap Analysis, an amendment to the 2004 RTP to bring the current RTP into compliance with SAFETEA-LU requirements. The amendment had been forwarded to the federal agencies for certification.

The second piece of work underway with the RTP was an amendment to the 2004 RTP to reflect project changes from the CMIA program. The due date for that amendment was July 1, 2007. Mr. Amatya said that the next challenge related to the RTP was the improvement of the Regional Transportation Demand Model used to predict the mobility and conformity needs of the region. Staff hoped to bring forward preliminary results of its Needs Assessment Exercise to the TCC in June or July and request the TCC to authorize SCAG to release the draft for 45 day public review and comment period in October.

Mr. Amatya also said that the Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) establishes the pollutants budgets that require RTP compliance including ozone, PM2.5, and PM10. Critical timing issues exist and staff will reconcile current numbers with the final numbers that are adopted as the accepted State Implementation Plan (SIP).

5.0 STAFF REPORT

An announcement was made about the 2007 Aviation Summit sponsored by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce & LAWA, March 27. The Committee was encouraged to attend.

6.0 COMMENT PERIOD

Sharon Neely, ACE, requested that SB-974 (Lowenthal) be placed on the agenda at the next meeting of the GMTF.

Art Brown, Chair, stated that he accepted the MOTION to recommend to the TCC that they strongly support the Goods Movement Action Plan from the State.

Motion was SECONDED and Approved with two opposition votes.

Don Szerlip, Redondo Beach, stated that he attend an air freight program sponsored by MeTrans which included a tour of an air freight facility at LAX. Mr. Szerlip said it was fascinating to learn how many hands the cargo went through and how many truck trips were involved in handling of each single piece, as many as 5-10 truck trips per individual

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piece of cargo that end up on a 747 flying out of LAX. He stated that this was the hidden side of goods movement not always recognized in the overall goods movement out of regional ports.

Angelo Logan, EYCEJ stated that despite supporting the principles of the State Goods Movement Action Plan effort, some concerns about specific projects existed.

Chair Brown opted to reconsider the previous MOTION and made a new MOTION to forward the State's Goods Movement Action Plan to the TCC and allow the TCC to assume whatever position they deemed appropriate. MOTION was SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY approved.

Dates for the next meeting of the CTC Trade Corridor Improvement Fund Working Group that were given earlier in the meeting were corrected to reflect April 13, May 18, and June 15.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Art Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.
The next committee meeting will be determined.